

City of Cincinnati

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CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCES FIRST FOUR APPOINTMENTS

Cincinnati City Manager Valerie Lemmie today announced four appointments to senior positions in Cincinnati City government. Lemmie has appointed Rashad M. Young as Assistant City Manager, Eileen Enabnit as Director of Transportation and Engineering, William Moller as Finance Director, and Greg Baker as Executive Manager of Police Relations.

Mr. Young is currently an Assistant City Manager for the City of Dayton and has formerly served as Deputy Director of Information and Technology Services and as Assistant to the City Manager for Lemmie during her tenure in Dayton. He has eight years of experience with Dayton City government and will be replacing Acting Assistant City Manager David Rager who will return to the Water Works Department as its Director. Mr. Young's appointment will be effective June 10, 2002.

"This is a move that has perfect timing as Dave has indicated his desire to return to the Water Works Department so that he can spend more time with his family. I respect Dave's decision and appreciate his service, leadership and commitment to the Cincinnati organization and have asked him to stay on during Rashad's transition period," Lemmie said. "Mr. Young has proven he is ready, willing, and able to take on new challenges and help guide the City of Cincinnati to new heights. His broad and diverse experiences in economic and community development, information technology, citizen and council relations, coupled with his enthusiasm and energy will be assets to Cincinnati City government."

Ms. Enabnit is currently Special Projects Manager for the City of Dayton and will be replacing John Deatrick who will be resigning on May 1, 2002 to accept a job as Deputy Director with the District Division of Transportation for Washington DC. Ms. Enabnit's appointment is effective July 1, 2002.

Enabnit brings a strong background in master planning and transportation planning as well as urban design and landscape architecture. She has extensive experience in grant writing for state and federal programs, has developed several master plans and established partnerships to address regional concerns. Lemmie commented, "Eileen's expertise in handling a wide array of transportation issues at the regional level, the master planning efforts for the Dayton International Airport, and her background working in the engineering and urban design areas make her the ideal candidate to replace John. Those experiences have demonstrated her ability to think strategically and provide a long-term vision."

Lemmie's third appointment is William Moller as Finance Director. Mr. Moller currently serves as Acting Director of the Finance Department and was formerly the Department's Deputy Director. "Bill has an extensive background in municipal finance and budget management. I am happy that he has agreed to accept the responsibility of Director.

He has a good rapport with staff, knows the issues and internal operations of the department, and has been an effective leader during this transition", Lemmie said. Mr. Moller's appointment is effective immediately.

The final appointment is that of Greg Baker who will serve as Executive Manager of Police Relations. Mr. Baker will coordinate the Police Departments efforts under the settlement agreement negotiated and agreed to by the City of Cincinnati, Department of Justice, American Civil Liberties Union, Fraternal Order of Police, and Black United Front. Mr. Baker played a significant role in the negotiations of the settlement agreement and served as Acting Public Safety Director during the disturbances last April. He will have a collateral reporting assignment to both the City Manager and the Chief of Police. Mr. Baker's appointment is effective immediately.

"Greg Baker was tapped for this critical role because of his experience in local government and community and police relations. Mr. Baker's responsibilities will be to oversee the implementation of the justice Department's recommendations and make related recommendations regarding police reform", said Lemmie. "He has done an outstanding job providing support to the Police Chief and the Cincinnati Police Department during very difficult times."